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Brothers sentenced for distributing cocaine

Two brothers from Faribault were each sentenced today in federal court to 60 months in prison and five years of supervised release in connection with the distribution of cocaine.

Ahmed Hadi Al Jebory, 21, and Mohammed Hadi Al Jebory, 23, were both sentenced June 19 in Minneapolis by United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank. On Feb. 28, Ahmed Jebory pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and Mohammed Jebory pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime. Both were indicted on July 18, 2007.

According to their respective plea agreements, Ahmed Jebory knowingly and intentionally conspired with Mohammed Jebory and others to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 19.5 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine, and 95.6 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine before Feb. 2, 2007.

Mohammed Jebory admitted that on Feb. 2 he knowingly possessed a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol and a 9-millimeter, semi-automatic pistol specifically in furtherance of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute cocaine base and cocaine.

According to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) affidavit, law enforcement was investigating the two brothers in January 2007, and made two "arranged controlled purchases" on Jan. 27 and 29, 2007, involving an approximate total of 5.2 grams of cocaine in the parking lot of a Faribault store.

On Feb. 2, 2007, authorities executed a search warrant at a Faribault residence and found both men there. Police recovered 90.4 grams of cocaine and 9.4 grams of crack cocaine in a kitchen drawer. Officers also recovered plastic bags, a digital scale and other items indicative of drug trafficking.

In the living room, police recovered an unloaded .25-caliber pistol, a loaded 9-millimeter pistol, ammunition, \$13,500 in cash and other items.

This case was the result of an investigation by the ATF, the Rice County Drug Task Force, the Rice County Sheriff's Office, the Steele County Sheriff's Office, the Northfield Police Department, the Faribault Police Department and the South Central Drug Investigation Unit SWAT. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy L. Perzel.